



# Regional News Release

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## CATTLE INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2014

### ARIZONA

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all cattle and calves in Arizona totaled 920,000 head, up 2 percent from the January 1, 2013 inventory. Beef cows, at 178,000 head, were up 3,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 2,000 head from last year to 192,000 head. Arizona's 2013 calf crop, at 280,000 head, is up 8 percent from 2012.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2014 and percent changes from 2013 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 27 percent to 28,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent to 77,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 20 percent to 20,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent to 305,000; bulls 500 pounds and over, no change at 20,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 5 percent to 100,000 head. The total inventory included 274,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 1 percent from last year.

### COLORADO

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all cattle and calves in Colorado totaled 2.48 million head, down 5 percent from the January 1, 2013 inventory. Beef cows, at 700,000 head, were down 15,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 5,000 head from last year to 140,000 head. Colorado's 2013 calf crop, at 740,000 head, is down 3 percent from 2012.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2014 and percent changes from 2013 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 8 percent to 140,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 18 percent to 100,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 10 percent to 470,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 10 percent to 760,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, no change at 45,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 4 percent to 125,000 head. The total inventory included 990,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 4 percent from last year.

### MONTANA

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all cattle and calves in Montana totaled 2.55 million head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2013 inventory. Beef cows, at 1.48 million head, were also down 2 percent from the previous year. Milk cows remained unchanged at 14,000 head. Montana's 2013 calf crop, at 1.47 million head, is down 2 percent from 2012.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2014 and percent changes from 2013 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 1 percent to 430,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 1,000 head to 9,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 13 percent to 211,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 4 percent to 220,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, no change at 100,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 25 percent to 90,000 head. The total inventory included 45,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 18 percent from last year.

### NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all cattle and calves in New Mexico totaled 1.29 million head, down 4 percent from the January 1, 2013 inventory. Beef cows, at 387,000 head, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Milk cows increased 3,000 head to 323,000 head. New Mexico's 2013 calf crop, at 560,000 head, is down 3 percent from 2012.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2014 and percent changes from 2013 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 7 percent to 70,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 5,000 head to 120,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 30 percent to 70,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 13 percent to 90,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, no change at 35,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 9 percent to 195,000 head.

### UTAH

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all cattle and calves in Utah totaled 800,000 head, up 4 percent from the January 1, 2013 inventory. Beef cows, at 325,000 head, are up 3 percent from the previous year. Milk cows increased 5,000 head to 95,000 head. Utah's 2013 calf crop, at 380,000 head, is up 4 percent from 2012.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2014 and percent changes from 2013 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 15 percent to 70,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 4,000 head to 46,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 11 percent to 69,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 13 percent to 85,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 1,000 head at 23,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 8 percent to 87,000 head. The total inventory included 27,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 1,000 head from last year.

## WYOMING

The January 1, 2014 inventory of all cattle and calves in Wyoming totaled 1.27 million head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2013 inventory. Beef cows, at 694,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year. Milk cows remained unchanged at 6,000 head. Wyoming's 2013 calf crop, at 640,000 head, is down 3 percent from 2012.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2014 and percent changes from 2013 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 2 percent to 175,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 4,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 12 percent to 106,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 6 percent to 150,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, no change at 40,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, unchanged from the previous year at 95,000 head. The total inventory included 75,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 7 percent from last year.

## UNITED STATES

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2014 totaled 87.7 million head, 2 percent below the 89.3 million on January 1, 2013. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 82.1 million on hand in 1951. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 38.3 million, were down 1 percent from the 38.5 million on January 1, 2013. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cows and heifers that have calved since the 36.8 million head in 1941.

- Beef cows, at 29.0 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2013.
- Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were unchanged from January 1, 2013.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2014 and the change from January 1, 2013, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 18.8 million, down 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.5 million, up 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.5 million, unchanged.
- Other heifers, 8.7 million, down 5 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 15.4 million, down 3 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.0 million, down 1 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 13.3 million, down 4 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 12.7 million, down 5 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 24.7 million, down 3 percent.

The 2013 calf crop was estimated at 33.9 million head, down 1 percent from 2012. This is the smallest calf crop since the 33.7 million born during 1949. Calves born during the first half of 2013 are estimated at 24.7 million, down 1 percent from 2012.